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1. Amendment Transmittal Letter
2. Response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2003

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**REMARKS RESPONDING TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 2, 2003**

Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of all pending claims, Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-15, 17-23 and 25. For the reasons detailed below, Applicants submit, respectfully, that the Examiner's two-layered obviousness analysis is not sufficient to support the rejections.

In stretching to make the prior art reach the claimed invention, the Examiner makes an unusual two-layered obviousness analysis. First, she asserts the combination of Matsukawa (5,436,436) and Abe (5,895,903) is obvious. Then, second, she asserts that it is obvious to modify the combination to meet all of the claim

limitations. Even assuming the combination of Matsukawa and Abe is properly motivated, the modification of the combination is not.

Claims 1, 7, 12 and 20 recite, in various forms, the use of a portable memory that includes two language identifiers such that, if the language associated with the first identifier is not available, the language associated with the second identifier is used. The Examiner acknowledges that the combination of Matsukawa and Abe does not teach a portable memory with two language identifiers or the use of those identifiers, as claimed. To reach the claimed invention, the Examiner makes the following statement.

"Matsukawa as modified by Abe does not teach the language of the language identifier explicitly having a primary and a secondary identifiers, it would have been an obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to simplify the user's appropriate language selection in the identification data to explicitly identifying the first and the second preferred language (i.e., user's most comfortable language as the first preferred language and a default language as the second preferred language) so that the terminal can most identifies and accommodates the user's comfortable language with less operating time when the user's first preferred language is not identified or not a popularly utilized language by the terminal. Such modification would reduce the operating time in determining the specific selection when system finds multiple languages that terminal can support from the user's selection."

Obviousness can only be established by modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. The Examiner must rely on **objective evidence** and make **specific factual findings** with respect to the motivation to modify references. MPEP § 2143.01.

The Examiner has not made any **specific factual findings** that anything in Matsukawa or Abe suggests or motivates two language identifiers or the use of those identifiers, as claimed. The Examiner also has not made any **specific factual findings** relying on **objective evidence** of anything in the knowledge generally available to those skilled in the art that suggests or motivates the modification to arrive at the two language identifiers and the use of those language identifiers, as claimed. Absent such

a showing, the Examiner has failed to meet her burden of establishing a prima facie case of obviousness.

Rather than making specific factual findings based on objective evidence, the Examiner speculates on some of the advantages of the claimed invention as the motivation to modify the combination of Matsukawa and Abe. For example, the Examiner asserts that using two language identifiers would "reduce the operating time in determining the specific selection when system finds [sic] multiple languages that terminal can support...." This is pure speculation. The Examiner has no way of knowing if this is true. Certainly, she has not cited to anything in the prior art or in the knowledge generally available to a person skilled in the art that would support her speculation.

Even assuming the Examiner's statement is correct, it is only through impermissible hindsight after reading the Applicants specification that any such advantage becomes apparent. There is simply nothing in the cited art that would cause a person skilled in the art to pause and think, "gosh, if I store two language identifiers on a portable memory then I can reduce the operating time of the display device."

The Examiner is urged to look closely at MPEP § 2143.01 before issuing an advisory action maintaining the obviousness rejection of the claims. It is clear that the Examiner may not speculate on the advantages of the claimed invention and then use any such advantage as the motivation to modify a reference or combination of references. The rejections should be withdrawn unless and until the Examiner provides *objective evidence* and makes *specific factual findings* with respect to the motivation to modify the combination of references.

Considering the Previously Filed IDS.

The Examiner is requested to consider the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 24, 2003, if she has not already done so, and return an initialed copy of the IDS with the notice of allowance or other reply to this Response. (A copy of the IDS accompanies this Response.)

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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